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AMENDMENT "B"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 30, 2004, having a response being due by September 30, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 21 - 38 have been canceled and new Claims 39 - 47 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a proper condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 27 - 29 and 33 - 38 were rejected as anticipated by German Patent 3005047. Importantly, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 21 - 26 and 30 - 32 are "allowed".

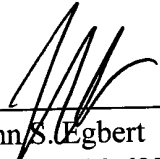
Although respectively disagrees with the Examiner's prior art rejections, Applicant is desirous of obtaining patent protection for the present invention at an early date. As such, Applicant has placed those "allowed" claims into a proper form. Applicant has cancelled the previous claims and has renumbered those "allowed" claims in the form of Claims 39 - 47. In particular, independent Claim 39 reflects the limitations of previous independent Claim 21. Dependent Claims 40 - 44 reflect the limitations, respectively of previous dependent Claims 22 - 26. Dependent Claims 45 - 47 reflect the limitations, respectively of previous "allowable" dependent Claims 30 - 32.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claim 39 is now in proper condition for allowance. Additionally, those claims which are dependent upon Claim 39 should also be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since no new claims have been added above those originally paid for, no additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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